Names of Super Fast Trains having Air Brakes

1119. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the super fast trains having air-brakes;

(b) what speed has been approved by the Railway Safety Commission for each of these Super fast trains;

(c) by when all the super fast trains are likely to be fitted with air-brakes?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The following superfast Trains have been fitted with Air-Brakes and the maximum speed approved by the Railway Safety Commission for each is given below:—

Name of Train	Maximum permissible speed
RAJDHANI	
NEW DELHI-BOMBAY	120 KMPH
NEW DELHI-HOWRAH	130 KMPH
SHATABADI	
NEW DELHI-BHOPAL	140 KMPH
NEW DELHI-LUCKNOW	130 KMPH
NEW DELHI-CHANDIGARH	110 KMPH

(c) This will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Electrification of Railway Lines

1120. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the identified routes have been electrified till the end of 1989 as against the target;

(b) what are the reasons for shortfall in the achievements of the targets;

(c) whether it is a fact that rail electrification targets have been considerably scaled down;

(d) what are the new electrification targets and the routes proposed to be electrified, what is the time schedule, for completion of the project, what is the allocation made and, margin allowed for the rising costs and the expenditure likely to be incurred by the time the scheme is implemented; and

(e) whether with the scaling down the electrification targets, the expenditure on the scheme would rise with escalation in the costs, if so, what are the reason for scaling down the targets?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 9252 Route Kms,. out of 12268 Kms. of identified routes representing 75.42 percent have been electrified till the end of 89-90 as against a target of 78.58 percent.

(b) Due to non-stabilisation of the high technology optic fibre communication system for block working, which is being installed for the first time on Indian Railways.

(c) No, Sir.